

Amend claim 4 as follows:

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--4. (Amended) Process as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the anionic polyelectrolyte comprises from 30% to 50% of a monomer comprising a strong acid function and from 70% to 50% either of a monomer comprising a weak acid function or of a neutral monomer.

Amend claim 6 as follows:

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--6. (Amended) Process as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the anionic polyelectrolyte is vulcanized and/or branched with a diethylenic or polyethylenic compound in a molar proportion, expressed relative to the monomers used, of from 0.005% to 1% and preferably from 0.01 to 0.1%.

Amend claim 8 as follows:

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--8. (Amended) Process as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the oil phase represents from 15% to 40% and preferably from 20% to 25% of its total weight.

Amend claim 9 as follows:

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--9. (Amended) Process as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the oil phase consists essentially of isohexadecane or of white mineral oil.

Amend claim 10 as follows:

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--10. (Amended) Use of composition obtained according to the process as defined in claim 1, to prepare a cosmetic, dermopharmaceutical or pharmaceutical topical composition.

Amend claim 11 as follows:

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--11. (Amended) Cosmetic, dermopharmaceutical or pharmaceutical composition comprising from 0.1% to 10% by weight of an inverse latex obtained according to the process as defined in claim 1.--

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